



**Wessex Strings Concert:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00 pm, Cheap Street Church, Sherborne.  
Programme:  
Puccini: Crisantemi  
Sibelius – Andante Festivo  
Vivaldi: Concerto for two Cellos in G minor.  
Movements from suites by Ireland, Parry & Vaughn Williams  
Conductor: John Jenkins  
Leader: Shoko Middleton  
Soloists: Arturo Serna and Betsy Chow  
Tickets £10 from Winstones Books Sherborne (cash only) or £12 on the door. 18 years and under free.

**Lunchtime Concert:** Vivamente Voices. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June in the Abbey at 12.30 pm. Admission free.



An award winning choir based in Wimborne singing a wide variety of songs to suit all tastes including musical theatre, contemporary and classic pop and a little gospel.

**Sherborne Chamber Choir:** A Little Night Music. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 pm. A summer's evening of choral music connected with close of the day. Enjoy a voyage of music from the sixteenth century to the present day. Tickets £7 - £20, under 18s free.  
[www.sherbornechamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.sherbornechamberchoir.org.uk)  
0333 666 3366

**The Arts Society Sherborne:** Francisco de Zurbaran. A giant in the history of Spanish art. Soon to be exhibited at the National Gallery. To be presented by Marta Cacho Casal. Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 3.00 pm & 7.00 pm. Members free, £10 for non-members. Digby Hall, Hound Street.  
<https://theartssocietysherborne.org>

**SHERBORNE ABBEY with CASTLETON,  
SAINT PAUL'S, LILLINGTON and LONGBURTON**

**NOTICE SHEET  
17th MAY 2026  
BENEFICE NOTICES**

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

24th May 2026

Pentecost

**ABBAY**

**8.00 am BCP Holy Communion**

Celebrant: The Reverend Katie Windle

**9.30 am Parish Eucharist**

Celebrant: The Reverend Martin Lee  
Preacher: The Reverend Robert Green

**12 noon Holy Baptism**

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Reverend Martin Lee

**CASTLETON**

**11.15 am Mattins**

Officiant: The Reverend David Marl

**ST PAUL'S@THE GRYPHON**

**10.30 am Morning Worship**

Leader: Emily Gee

Speaker: Mark Greenstock

**LILLINGTON**

**9.30 am Morning Service**

Officiant: The Reverend John Townend

**LONGBURTON**

**10.00 am Holy Communion**

Celebrant: The Reverend Lesley McCreadie

**Visiting Hours:** The Abbey is open to visitors (free of charge) on Mondays to Saturdays (8.00 am – 5.00 pm) and on Sundays (11.00 am – 5.00 pm). The Abbey may close when private services are taking place.

**Safeguarding:** Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We are committed to the support, nurture, and protection of all in our church community. If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or vulnerable adult, do not keep them to yourself. Contact immediately the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Jon Massey at [safeguarding@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:safeguarding@sherborneabbey.com).

**Parish Giving Scheme (PGS):** Sherborne Abbey joined the Parish Giving Scheme in September 2025. The scheme is designed to enable donors to give monthly, quarterly or annually by direct debit to the Abbey. Donors have the option to index link their gifts. Admin is reduced as the PGS collect the gift aid. For further information please contact [liz.ashmead@sherborneabbey.com](mailto:liz.ashmead@sherborneabbey.com)

**Music News:** On Sunday afternoon, we welcome the choir of Romsey Abbey at 3:30 pm to rehearse before joining our choir for Choral Evensong at 6 pm. Joint evensongs with the choir of Romsey Abbey were a much-loved feature in years gone by, and I very much hope we will be able to renew this collaboration during this evening service and then join them in Romsey at some point next year. After an hour or so of rehearsing on Sunday afternoon, both choirs will be treated to a wonderful tea laid on by Netty and her staff in the Abbey Tea Rooms. It promises to be an excellent afternoon and an equally superb Choral Evensong. Do please come along to hear the combined choirs.

*James Henderson, Director of Music and Organist*

**Abbey Facilities Upgrade:** We are at last breaking ground on the Abbey Facilities Upgrade. Work started on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to move the Horsey and Clement monuments and to install a wheelchair lift to the Ambulatory. The north quire aisle will be essentially closed until late July. Access to the vestry will be by the south aisle and the Ambulatory. Access to the Choir Vestry will remain open for most of the time. Please be aware of these restrictions.

*Mike Keatinge*

**Mothers Union:** The next meeting will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 in the Griffiths Room, Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road. 10.00 am for 10.30 am start. Judy Herten will give an illustrated talk on Church Recorders. All very welcome.

*Eileen Heath*

**Longburton Village Café:** The next Village Café will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Alpha Course:** Pause Netflix, Try Alpha. Started on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm for ten weeks. For further details contact the St Paul's Church Office. [office@stpaulssherborne.uk](mailto:office@stpaulssherborne.uk) or 01935 816444 [www.stpaulssherborne.uk](http://www.stpaulssherborne.uk)

### **Sherborne Mothers' Union. Walking the St Edwards Way:**

The eight members of the Sherborne Branch of the Mothers' Union would like to thank you for your support as they walked St Edward's Way last week to raise funds for the MU Literacy Fund. We would also like to thank those members and spouses who drove us back and forth to our starting and ending points which meant we could sleep in our own beds each night of the walk! Thanks to your amazing generosity and the generosity of family and friends we hope to have raised £3000. We started at Wareham, having received a blessing from the Revd Hilary Bond, and finished at Shaftesbury Abbey three days later where tea and cake were waiting for us.



The photo is us finishing at Shaftesbury Abbey  
*The Reverend Lesley McCreadie*

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Countrymen UK:** Based in Dorset, Countrymen UK supports men – especially those living with long-term health conditions, dementia, or isolation – to reconnect with nature, community and themselves. Through gentle farm-based activities, animal care, gardening, woodworking and shared conversation, our members find renewed confidence, companionship and joy. We also offer support and respite for carers, creating a welcoming space for everyone. New members are always welcome. Helping men thrive through nature, purpose and friendship. If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch: Phone 01963 210789, email: [admin@countrymenuk.org](mailto:admin@countrymenuk.org)

**To Win The Day:** A folk-drama by the Dorset based group Time and Tide telling the incredible stories of the wives, mothers & families of The Tolpuddle Martyrs. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm, Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine. All proceeds in aid of Sherborne Museum.